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1. AMONG TOPICS DISCUSSED 1/17 WITH UK DISARMAMENT ADVISER

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JOHN THOMSON WERE ITALY'S RATIFICATION OF NPT. THOMSON

SAID THAT IT WAS CLEAR TO HMG THAT (A) IF NOT OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, ITALIAN PARLIAMENT WISHED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH RATIFICATION, (B) THAT A VERY SMALL AND PAROCHIAL CLIQUE WITHIN ITALIAN FONOFF OPPOSED RATIFICATION. HE ADDED THAT HMG HAD BEEN ASSURED BY ITALIANS, IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE BY UK, THAT ITALY DEFINITELY WOULD RATIFY NPT AND, MOREOVER, THAT THIS COULD OCCUR PRIOR TO NPT REVCON.

2. THOMSON SAID THAT COURSE OF ACTION OF HMG, IN VIEW THESE ASSURANCES, WOULD BE TO DELAY FURTHER PRESSURE ON ITALY FOR 4-5 WEEKS, AND GIVE ITALIANS ANOTHER CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SINCERITY. IF THIS WERE NOT FORTH-COMING, FONMIN CALLAGHAN WOULD RENEW PRESSURE AGAIN DIRECTLY IN TALKS WITH ITALIAN FONMIN COORDINATING THIS ACTION WITH BENELUX COUNTRIES AND FRG. THOMSON WENT ON TO SAY THAT UK HAD CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ALL PLOYS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WHICH WOULD ACCOMMODATE DESIRE OF DUCCI, ET.AL., TO DODGE OR DELAY NPT RATIFICATION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IN THE VIEW OF HMG, HE ADDED, NONE OF THEM WERE WORTH PURSUING. IN PARTICULAR, THE SUSPENSION OF ARTICLE 25(B) OF THE EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE, ON THE ONE HAND, ITALIAN FOOT DRAGGING, AND ON THE OTHER THE DESIRE OF OTHER EURATOM PARTIES TO RECEIVE BENEFITS AS FULL PARTICIPANTS OF THE NPT REVCON, WOULD BE A SERIOUS IF NOT FATAL BLOW TO EFFORTS OF THE PROPONENTS OF NPT ADHERENCE IN JAPAN, MOST NOTABLY, BUT ELSEWHERE AS WELL.

3. THOMSON STATED FURTHER THAT HE EXPECTED TO HAVE TALKS IN LONDON WITH FRG REPS MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED A REQUEST FOR UK SUPPORT OF FULL FRG PARTICIPATION AT NPT REVCON, A REQUEST WHICH THOMSON SAID HE WOULD OPPOSE IF FRG HAD NOT BY THAT TIME DEPOSITED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION. PORTER

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